

Nanking China

March 1, 1924.

My dear Florence Ann -

No, Honey Child is not going to be a flapper not if I can help it anyhow. That's one reason I am glad she is to grow up here where I can put my finger on her when I need her. I spose she'll go to High School in Shanghai but they do say as how the missionaries kids there make quite a respectable group and over balance the kids of business folks.

Your letter about H.S. kids sounds like Thor's. She says she knows that the girls in her school smoke like veterans (in private of course) but they feel the need of being good pals with the boys and that is their method. I don't believe that H.S. was like that when we were there but there were a few - Hodge girls etc. - We knew about them and realized why we had sterilizers put in the toilets Thor wrote such a disgusted letter about

Tom. She says she is having to keep up with Horace who has joined the Elks and is drinking a lot. Thor says that Tom and all the crowd of young married folks they travel with are drinking a lot, they have the jazziest kind of parties and neglect their homes and kiddies. What is this old world coming to I wonder? I feel sadly disillusioned, for two years ago Tom + Horace seemed quite an ideal couple. She'd go a lot farther towards keeping her husband if she'd have a baby. - She needs an operation for an inverted uterus and is afraid of it so she suffers agony each month and never can have a baby. Foolish isn't it? Doug + I have told her what we think several times to no avail.

I know it has been an age since I wrote you - way back when Doug was first sick wasn't it? Well sir, he was in bed almost five weeks, got so weak we had to have a nurse to help me. In fact he isn't well yet

His neuritis is all gone but he suffers with a nobody home feeling in his arm. His right arm was absolutely helpless when he first began to get up - Gee, it was a hard month - Seems like a nightmare now that it's all over. Phyllis Ann reaped one big benefit from it tho - I got well acquainted with her habits + schedule learned just when she was tired enough to go to bed without any remonstrance and things of a like nature. - So that now she is just absolutely like clock work. We feed and bathe and sleep and play and go out doors at exactly the same time every day - down to her bowel movement. We sit her on her little white chair every morning while we get dressed. Amah comes + wakes me + brings me the baby to feed at six thirty - Pretty soft I say - and another servant bulldozes Phyllis is so happy and jolly and peppy - never cries - not for days at a time - She is the cutest thing I ever saw when I put her in bed

she snuggles down in her quilts with a smile and often squints her eyes tight shut as if to say - "all right go away, I'm asleep." She is gaining rapidly has three chins at present. Perhaps I have raved enough but I know you'll be interested in knowing how ^{your & mine} ideas work out. If I had had enough milk last summer she wouldn't have cried then. I am sure I can start out better with my next baby. Last summer I worried so much over trying to keep peace between our two families that I couldn't make milk.

Sally, surely sounds happy doesn't she? wish her Bill were older. I'd like to see her getting married. There is nothing quite so fine as a nice husband & a sweet baby. Goodness lands I am a million times happier now than I ever was before. I never dreamed a baby could be so nice. She is getting quite a bit of hair now goldy and shiny, not as dark as mine

I have been keeping my eyes open for Sivatar peddlers to get the hankies you asked for. This seems to be the wrong time of year - I won't forget that you asked for them - Pongu peddlers will be here soon too Pearl says. I will send some to pay for all my furniture catalogs. I am going to make me some nighties and under wear and get some shirts made for Doug. Or rather I'll use what folks call raw silk - I have yet to become acquainted with Chinese fabrics.

You talked about going to Cal. in your last letter - I should think you'd love it - and how your mother would glory in the flowers! You might have some trouble getting established in the Cal. schools. Probably would have to take some exams - I have always heard about their high standards.

You + Sally start a shop in Los Angeles and we'll send you things - You could

get rich selling beads and tapestries
and cross work and drawn work

I don't blame you any for wanting
to get away from Willmar. You should
have a peaceful summer after the hard
work you are doing now.

Three cheers for the new blouse. I surely
will love to have one you make for me.
Guess I'll make myself a sleeveless sweater to
go with it. I have a brown slip over sweater
that Doug's Spokane Club kiddies sent in
our Christmas box. I have been enjoying
it a lot lately. Pinkie is rather hard
on it for she sticks her fingers right thru
the meshes some times.

Dougly gave me my fox fur - I love it
awfully hard its such a nice color. Pinkie
gave me candy. Pearl had a tea party to which
she invited all the married women of the
neighborhood - she gave me a cutely little
brown tapestry bag and Mrs. Marx - a
blossoming daisy plant - Mother & Bally sent this
paper and a rubber apron - So I had a nice
birthday -

write to me after. I love you
Grace

March 3rd -

a letter came from you yesterday - so I'll have to talk to you some more. Thanks for telling me about the carbon paper. I won't try it again. Everybody out here does it with type writers but I guess that's different.

So you didn't like your doctor. I had a dentist in Yakima - patted me on the cheek, called me girlie and every thing! Doug says that's always his way - but I didn't fall for it much.

Your English print makes me think of the Egyptian one I had last summer to make curtains with. Pretty.

[So you want a dissertation on our seasons - Well - in the first place grasp the fact that China has as many seasons - I mean as big a variety of climates as does U.S. Up north around Peking - folks have lots of snow and it gets way below. Here it

is not what I call cold. at least snow never
stays on the ground. the climate is like Oregon Doug
says. - misty + damp + muddy - we wear wools
and enjoy them because of the raw penetrating cold
and because folks don't keep their houses at
90° like they do at home. many of the rooms in
these big houses are unheated. Lang. school
has just enough to take the edge off - It gets very
hot here in the summer and babies are not safe
in Nanking then - so we go to the mts or seashore -
we are going to Pei tai Ho up near Peking - and
live with Samvies - I think a whole summer of
swimming will be gorgeous -

yes - there are radios in Shanghai - none
here as yet. I expect the day will come when
we'll be having them.] Love to you

Gran

Hankung, China,
March 4, 1924,

Dear Bernice and John,

Both your letter and mother's telling
of the great, good news of your possible
~~advent~~ advent into the mysteries and life of
ancient China came in the mail yesterday.

Naw-gō sing wūn shī ~~shī~~ tō tē leau boō dīk.

Translated - That news is happiness in the superlative.

We certainly will welcome you to the
China we have so soon learned to love. We

must, as soon as possible, make our
plans work out so that we can spend
some time together. You must arrange
to take the Empress Line from Vancouver, B.C.
or the President Line from Seattle,
stopping off at Shanghai from one
ship to the following ship and
let us show you Puyllis Ann
and your first look-in on China.

Our school, here in Hankung,
is out about the middle of June but
we must take a private teacher
with us wherever we spend the
summer and we have language
study all forenoon daily until

about the 10th of August. ~~You will pass~~

Our present plan is to go to Peitaiho (pronounced Bā tā hō), a seaside summering place, 400 miles north of Tientsin. Our house is on a high rocky cliff, overlooking the sea. We can ~~look~~ see the seaward end of the Great Wall of China, where it runs out into the ocean at Shanghai^(?) just ten miles north of us, from our cliff. (So I am told.) There are fine beaches there for bathing.

B.C. I also wish to run over to Peking
X after the language work is finished for a short brush-up course at the Peking Union Medical College (Rockefeller's school) before returning to meet you and then start work at Lu Chow fu. Peking is about 75 miles inland from Tientsin.

During the Chinese New Year Holidays, Miss Paul, a glob trotter and friend of Mrs. Jarvis, who is living with us, went to Canton. I have pumped her for information to send to

you. She visited your college and fell in love with it. ②

Canton is a thousand miles by boat from Shanghai, and takes three and a half days on the boat. The larger boats, such as you will take do not go to Canton but stops at Hong Kong, where you change to a smaller boat to sail up the beautiful Pearl River to Canton.

No need to fear because of the unsettled state of affairs politically at Canton. While Mike Paul was there there was a stir and 18 warships steamed up from Hong Kong and arrayed themselves before Canton. The U.S. had more than any other country there. The foreigners all feel very safe.

Canton is a very bazaar city; one very difficult to describe. It is typically foreign in certain districts, with magnificent consulates, huge banks of Occian architecture, and great 9-story modern office buildings, and three high department stores with foreign goods. But it is more Chinese than Shanghai, and you find very few foreigners on the streets (there are about 500 foreigners in the whole city of 1,000,000 souls). Now there are miles and miles of fine wide streets

throughout the city; they are continually tearing down buildings to widen the streets, but you still see miles of narrow, typically Chinese streets. You can ride for hours in your automobile without exhausting the roads suitable for your machine. Canton is a very rich city, and it is there that you see your real "spiffy" Chinese gents in their gorgeous silks and satins, and their huge touring cars with drivers.

Canton Christian College is across the Pearl River and up stream two or three miles from the heart of Canton, about $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour's launch ride from Canton. Straight across the river from Canton proper is the typically Chinese city of Honiam (or something like that) and the best Chinese residences district. But the College is out in the country in relation to this city. I do not believe there are any auto roads on this side of the river, but many out past the College on the opposite side, the Canton side, of the Pearl River.

The Campus is ^{an} oblong about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile long and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile wide. There are about seven ^{many} large buildings and faculty homes, all brick, on the campus. The buildings are

well spread out, and the grounds are gorgeous ^③
in its vegetation winter and summer. The
vegetation resembles that around Los Angeles, Cal.
It is a 15-minute walk to the river bank.

Everyone says that the climate is delightful
at Canton, warm in winter, and
hot tho not as hot as Hankow in
X-summer. It is more sultry in Hankow. But
the summer won't bother you much for
you will take to the mountains or sea
shore anyway during the summer
months, the months of intestinal diseases.
Here we move away from disease more
than heat during the summer.

Let me caution you. Don't make
too great plans for what you may
do in America after your 3-year term
is up. You very likely will want to
return; for the pull is great and the
work is so much needed and worth-
while that you delight in the part
you have to play in helping to mold

this new, most ancient nation. If you don't want to be held by the spell of it, stay home.

X Don't form any more of an opinion of what China is like than you already have; for no matter what that opinion may be, — it's wrong. Letters, pictures, books won't make you see China, feel the queer feelings at seeing things done in a way that you have no background for appreciating, nor smell the smells, nor hear the strange sounds of an oriental city where man not the motor truck is the burden carrier.

There is a summing place midway between Shanghai and Canton so we can spend at least some ~~of~~ of our summers together.

Don't try to bring the Ford. You can sell it and buy one here. Transportation is too great for a single car.

We should be at work in Lu-chowfu ~~the~~ during the first week in September.

month's short course in eye work under
Dr. Fuchs of Vienna. Dr. Hagman is
in our mission as you know from reading
the World Call, and is quite famous
in this part of China as a surgeon.

Bernice please send this letter on
to mother. I'll add her letter on to
yours.

Dear Mother, Father, Mae + Roy, + M. Q.,

I am back to normal now, and
playing volley ball twice daily during
our 10-minute recess periods. At school,
I am almost back on my feet again in
the conversation part, but I can't seem
to make up any of the characters. They
got 60 characters ahead of us and it
is all one can do to learn the 4 or 6
a day which we have assigned. They
are so hard to remember, and to leave
even a dot out or put it in the wrong
place will make it mean something
else. Viz Take the character for "day" 天
if you write this way 𠂇 it means something
altogether different. This (𠂇) is the character
for "large". 𠂇 is ^{one} of the two characters
for "sun". And this is a very simple

character. When you get into some like this
聽 to "hear" you have a combination which can
be split up to make other characters &
one finds it hard to combine them correctly.
Viz. 告 or 訢 means "tell". Splitting this up we
have 讠 which used alone is the second character
of many verbs and nouns. 讠 with the cap
retained it means "words" but has the same
sound as 子. 女子 has two of the parts changed
about and means "good."

Again the same character may be
written in two or more ways and retain
its meaning. Viz



with mean
with in.
similar parts A, B, & C
are in connecting circles.
B is simply pushed
into the middle in one.

Phyllis Ann hasn't cried for a month.
We were wondering tonight if it would
be possible for her to have a hard
cry like she had when strangers were
around at Yakima. At 9 months she
weighed 19 pounds. She plays so hard
that she sleeps all the time we are at
Language School.

Grace couldn't have her tonsils out
Xmas because of a sore throat; nor during

Chinese New Year vacation because I was sick. March 21st about 85 people are going to Peking on the annual Language School trip. We are saving our money for furniture and Grace will have her trunk out on the 22nd if all is well.

Today I ordered our dining room furniture today. The Chinese carpenter saws his own logs by hand and makes every stick by hand. I had to have pictures and give him exact measurements for every dimension; all conversation in Chinese. The ~~the~~ style is "Sheraton" and solid oak. They

can't make veneers here; and anyway all veneers warp off of imported furniture so are impractical. For 6 dining room chairs (like enclosed illustration), 2 like this with arms on them, one 42" x 48" extension table + 2 leaves, one buffet 40" high x 22" x 60", and one serving table 40" high x 18" x 36" all for about \$159 Mex. or \$75 gold. Also I ordered a Victrola cabinet (which was advertised at \$150 gold). It will cost \$24 Mex. We already have our bed made + Phyllis' bed made at \$47 Mex for both.
Love to all,
Douglas.

Hankings Ky.,
March 16, 1924.

Dearest folks,

We are all very very well and enjoying the fine spring weather we have been having for the last month. I am as strong as ever again and can pitch baseball; and am coaching basket ball in a boys high school.


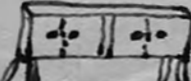
We are having our furniture made now. It is a rather slow process for the Chinese carpenters take your order (you have a picture and then figure out every dimension for them) and then start with an oak log and saw out the lumber the right size for each piece of furniture. The results are very satisfactory. Yesterday we got our bed and the baby's bed. Our bed is the "Sheraton" design with the cross  open work on either side of the head & foot. I wouldn't trade it for your bed even though it did cost only \$15.00 gold. We will give the order for the rest of the things this week. Last week we got them started on our dining room set: -

Table (dining room)	\$18.00 gold.
Buffet	\$14.00 ..
Serving table	\$4.50 ..
6 chairs (like picture showed you)	\$28.50 ..
2 " (with arms)	\$10.50 ..
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	\$75.50

We also ordered a phonograph cabinet for \$13 gold.  This type copied from a Victor's picture

Some of the other things we will order this week will be:-

Living Room

Library Table (for the back of our wicker fireplace settee)

Bookcase

1 upholstered chair

1 other chair

(We have 2 wicker lounge chairs, 2 plant stands, & 2 stools)

(We have Photograph)

Dining Room

(Beside our dining room set)

Spinet desk (for Grace to keep accounts in)

My Study

Table desk

Desk chair

Bookcase

1 wicker chair

Kitchen

Cabinet

Table

Hall

Console Table

Our Bed Room

(We have the bed)

Rocking Chair

Chiffonier

Chiffonette

Small Table

Nursery

(We have P. A.'s white bed.)

White Table

White chair-stool

Close rack

Rocking chair

Sweet Room

(We bought a white iron bed of iron Sires)

Dresser

Chair

Desk

Stand

Washstand

Ivory color.

We figure that the whole lot will cost us between \$475.00 and \$500.00 Mexican. Do you think you could furnish an eight-room house there for \$250 gold? Besides we must get curtains, matting, rugs, etc. I think our rugs will be mostly matting to start with. This will keep us pumping with the summer vacation coming and cost of our staple groceries for most of the coming year. We have \$200.00 Mexican saved up toward it.

We are so sorry that we won't be seeing Bernice and John this fall. That was almost too good to be true. No doubt it is best for John to get his Ph.D. first, for I feel that if they once got out here they would want to stay and would not then get it. But I hope this won't stop their wanting to see China.

The bags I am sending are as follows:

Design A.	-- 2 large black bags with gold dragons	-- sell at \$4.50 gold each + tax.
" B.	-- 3 " red " " " flowers etc.	-- \$3.75 " " + "
" C.	-- 2 " blue " " " " " "	-- \$3.75 " " + "
" B.	-- 2 small red " " " " " "	-- \$2.00 " " + "
" C.	-- 2 " blue " " " " " "	-- \$2.00 " " + "

I am going to get your table runner + pillow top off this week also. We have Spring exams Wednesday & Thursday, and Grace and I are rather lame because of our five weeks enforced vacation. So I'll get them off by Thursday at least.

The table runner needs a border of black satin to make it fit your table. It will cost you \$3.00 gold. This includes the postage. Your pillow top will cost you \$1.75 gold, with postage.

If anyone else wishes the table runner on a pillow top of the same design it will cost them \$4.00 gold & customs for the runner & \$2.00 gold for a pillow top & tax. We'll call this design with blue & black background -- Design D.

The dragon pillow top we'll call Design-E. It will sell for \$2.50 and customs.

I am sending you something that really takes my eye. It has the tapestry beat a mile in my estimation. It is black velvet with a flower design of cut velvet. I bought it for you, but if you can't afford it you may sell it. The cost is \$2.50 gold. If others want it we will call it Design F and retail at \$3.50 and the customs.

The lunch clothes cost me \$2.50 to \$4.00 gold. Napkins \$2.50 to \$3.50 a doz. 80. Retail at \$1 more each for cloth or doz. napkins.

~~From you~~ Friday, March 21st, ninety people of the Language School and friends start to Peking on the 2. d. annual sightseeing trip. Grace has her tonsillectomy on Saturday.

Phyllis Ann is very well and happy.

embroidered)

There is a long ceremony with chanting, flute-playing, and drum-pounding, and lobed, capped, boys going thru contortions with a wand in each hand like a setting-up exercise in a Y.M. Gym. But everything is done ~~to~~ according to the ancient custom and there is a man who has no other job all year than preparing for and conducting this ceremony twice yearly.

Within the huge temple there is the central tablet to Confucius, and on either side some tablets of a few of his most prominent disciples.

On this occasion a scroll is hung under the tablet of Confucius upon which is drawn a picture, supposedly of Confucius.

At either side of the room are placed killed hogs and sheep as sacrifices. After the ceremony these are carried out and cut up for distribution to the men with degrees.

Night before last Grace and Miss Paul and I went down to Heia Kwan (on the river just outside the North City Gate) where

She had her first hard cry in a very long time, last night when we put her in her new bed for the first time. When she outgrew the clothes-basket, we had her sleeping in Jarvis' old, huge baby-pram. This had a nice hollow into which Phyllis Ann fitted nicely, so she objected to the big, roomy flat bed.

One week ago today, I had a very novel experience when I got up at 2 A.M. to attend the Spring Sacrifices at the Confucian Temple. It was a gaudy ceremony with all the provincial officials, in their uniforms with epaulettes, and caps with high, white plumes; and a breast-plate of medals, in attendance. This is an especial worship of Confucius by the literati, the scholarly class. All men with degrees (comparable to our A.B., M.A., & Ph.D.) obtained from the passing of difficult examinations on the Confucian Classics were there, paying their respects to their patron saint. Nanking is a great center of learning of both the old Confucian and the Western Learning so there were hundreds there in caps and gowns. (The caps are like our college caps; & the robes are flowing like ours only richly

some rich Chinese gentleman was staging a \$20,000 Mex. dragon parade for the pleasure of the people and finally to influence the Governor in a peace policy. It was a very interesting sight for us.

The streets were packed so full of seething, jostling orientals; having the time of their lives; and they enjoyed giving us three foreigners our share of the jostling. The parade came ~~on~~ hesitatingly down the street; not grandly, as American parades, with the crowds walled back by Boy Scouts or Police; but weaving, bumping, pushing its way thru the mob. They have a strange method of "shoo-ing" the crowd aside when the floats wish to proceed. Men each with two long sticks of bamboo (like two yard-sticks) snap them together over the heads of the crowd which ~~press~~ makes way.

At the head of the parade strolled the red-coated-red-capped band. When they saw us they stopped and played "Long way to Tipperary." Almost all floats were like "huge lanterns"; all designs imaginable from Chinese characters to fish. Then they had several thundervest-foot dragons, elevated on poles by some 25 men. These men made the dragon go thru a serpentine

motion almost as rapidly as a
crack the whip. As each float
or performer passed the larger
shops, the owner of the shop would
shoot off a bunch of firecracker
salutes and the float would stop
and do some stunt.

I must close this now and
get it in this mail or it won't
get on the boat ~~day~~ after tomorrow.

Yours

Nanking China
March 27, 1924.

My dear Florence Ann -

You surely are a friend worth having & I have so many things to tell you thank you for that I don't know where to start - Guess I'll go back wards -


My kit came last night - Its a practical helpful book that really tells you almost everything you need to know. That and my feeding the family ought to be enough to raise my kids on, considering the fact that you and I had them pretty well raised three years ago. I am starting to mean Phyllis now, that is - she gets two bottles a day instead of one - I include a little cereal water and spinach juice in her milk. This is a wonderful country for spinach we have it almost all the year around. Tender and sweet. I never liked it at home but I am crazy about it here. I am going downtown in South City and see if I can find a little copper bowl or something like that that costs three dollars to pay for this book - copper work is common in Nanking - Or would you rather have some sponge I wish I knew. I reckon you'll enjoy anything that comes from China. I know you'd rather have it than money.

Secondly - my blouse is lovely. Such lots and lots of stitches in it - Did your mother make the tatting - I have a brown sweater with a round neck line that it will go with perfectly. I tried it on last night and the sleeves seem a bit long, I'll wear it a day soon

And see - Of course it goes with my green sweater perfectly. Sweaters are about the only thing seen at Language School now. Please accept a thank you for every stitch.

These hankies I am sending just sold them selves to me the other day, they looked so much like something you'd love. I couldn't find any like your others with dainty hems, they seem to all have rather wide coarse edges. These cost about three times as much but you call them part payment on your help with my house plans. I thought the tiny ones would make lovely corners for your collar and the big one is plenty for cuffs. Now don't put them away to look at, they are made to use that's sure. I have another big one you may have if you need it - just say so.

Wish you could see and smell a bouquet of violets I have here on my table in my green bowl. They are the sweet kind - big long stemmed (6 in) ones. The bowl is full to overflowing. Mrs. Hamilton, a next door neighbor has a big patch of them and she can't begin to pick them all - So she lets me come and pick all I want. Gee its fun. I never dreamed of having so many real violets. They grow out doors all winter here. Every one has a patch Hyacinths and other bulbs too are bursting forth all along the paths and borders. I have just been studying my March H. & Garden that came last night. Its just full of beautiful pictures and ideas this time. I believe its by far the nicest X'mas present I received - I can hardly wait to get a house to work on

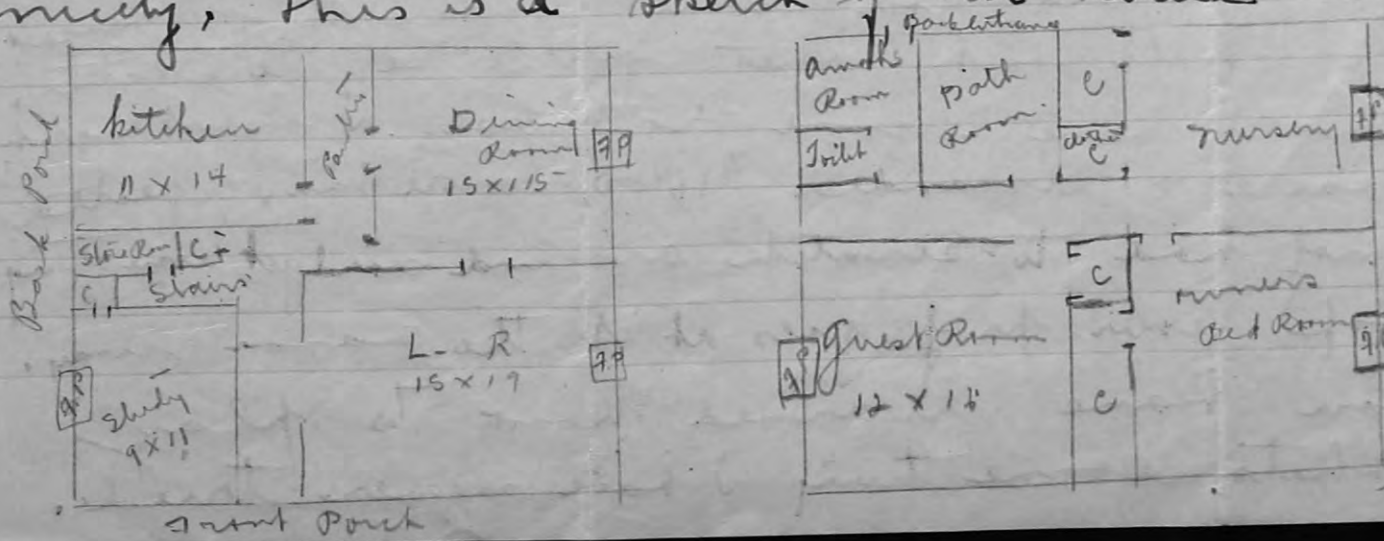
We have two beds back from the carpenters now. Honey Child's is a simple little white one with a curve like this  only more so. Ours is made of

oak stained a deep walnut brown and its beautiful! Every body says so. Its that - Danish Sheraton with open work on the sides - Prettier than this - but I trust you get the idea. The grain Chinese carpenters seem very nicely with lattice as this - Elaborate curves Queen Anne foot - they dont my dining room suite thing like this too. My!



is lovely, to get along work such such as a get so well. is to be some how I wish

you could be here to help plan - Not that you arent doing lots where you are. I believe you are just as thrilled over my new house as I am. That Scranton Lane thing is beautiful and just full of ideas. Thank you a lot for having it sent. I can get cretonne from Shanghai, guess I'll have to send to Yon-ward for marquissette. I have part enough - but curtains for a whole house will be quite an item I suppose. I am going to have my wicker pieces stained a dark brown and pad + upholster them with a nice cretonne. Chinese tailors do such work very nicely, This is a sketch of our house



How do you like it. The place in each room English fashion. But we'll use a stone in real cold weather. Its one of our standard house plans.

Just a lovely house seems to me, adapted to living in China of course. I like having the toilet apart from the B. Room. Then with outside entrance Amah can carry it out without smelly up the halls. Our B. Room will have a drain and be heated with the kitchen stove
afternoon.

Wish you could see the collection in the middle of our floor right now. We have had a Swatow salesman here in the middle of our floor with all his beautiful things - Its so much fun looking at all their things. I found some pretty good handkerchiefs this time but had to pay \$1.90 a dozen. Terrible price!! Doug and I picked out some pieces to send to his mother to sell, two luncheon sets and some tray cloths - She is going to help us make money for our house. You really hurry up and start your little shop. We could send you all sorts of things. This man had lots of embroidered silks and woolls - perfectly lovely things. I wish I had a bride friend to buy something for. ^{speaking of brides -} Sally sounds rather interested in her Bill. Don't you think? I don't believe mother likes him. What have you gathered of the situation? They don't say much to me and I can't write a lot back because they pass my letters all around -

Good for you refusing assembly. You should have done it long ago. How did you come out with your banquet? I haven't a doubt but what you'll be re-elected. and you should have a good big raise. I went right after my raise + demanded \$1600 ^{which was} more than I expected so my prof had to scratch around and get something for me. Hope your prof goes at it the same way. So you have learned how to play bridge. That's something I have never tried.

Dougly says its hard. The missionaries play it
among themselves out here. I expect will learn this
summer.

Dougly and I have just been reading Dorothy
Canfield's new story in the W.H.C. that came
last night - Its called The Home Maker - very good
I'll say. I expect by now you have read it. Thats
the kind of a story that will do all sorts of good.
Doug + I dont have many movies so we get a
big kick out of a good serial - Doug looks at this
woman's nerves and her effect on her kids from
a doctor's new point - He said - "No wonder the
poor kid vomited, she scared him to death."
Dont you think its the best thing she has written?
We enjoyed Edna Ferber's Selma a lot too - didnt
you? - Especially the first part of it. That Basket
Serial was very well done. Wondly Goods in the
I.H. Journal also held our interest - We sat up
until half past eleven one night and felt
quite as tho we had been at a fascinating play.
I was glad she stuck by her husband.
Periodicals mean such a lot out here - We read
them from cover to cover - Doug even has fun
looking at the ads of good looking houses
and luscious things to eat.

This is our spring vacation, most of the
language school students - have gone on a ten
day trip to Peking - we'll see it next summer
on our way back from Petai to. I again
planned to having my tonsils out but this
time a bad cold intervened. We all three had
it. Nubby had a high temperature one night and

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has had sad times with her nose - I staid in bed for three days for I was tired out with exams so I had a grand rest. - My nice little amah had a good time taking care of Nubby and Doug stayed around all the time too - It was a real luxury to be able to rest that long - Never before can I remember having so few responsibilities - I wouldn't want to turn Phyllis over to amah that much very often - but she is quite capable, even gave her a bath one night that Doug had to go to his clinic.

Would you like to take a peak at Phyllis. She sits here in our big fan wicker chair. Her cheeks a bright pink and her eyes look black & because its twilight. Her red hair stands on end in a Kenzie curl and she is raising & lowering a blanket in front of her face and talking and jabbering - Data - Data - is one of her chief remarks this week. The t sound seems to please her especially. Its nice to have her I can tell you. She sleeps so much that she never bores or bothers us the few hours she is awake. I never knew a baby could be so good.

I have been chumming a lot lately with Dr. Helen Brenton Payor. She lives next door is a "hen medic", just graduated from Minn last year. Of course we know lots of folks - for instance she worked with Home a lot. She & Doug had their pre medic work together at Oregon so we have lots in common. I like her a lot. She just confided to me yesterday that she is pregnant so now we'll have lots of fun talking babies the rest of the year -

Its getting dark. I really must stop -

I love you -

Grace -